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News to Know

Missouri Mobility Management 2024 Virtual Summit is on Wednesday, Sept. 25 10 a.m.-2 p.m. via Zoom. Register for free [here](#).

Agreements/Access Codes:

It is agreement season. Please remember that agency assigned access codes used in DocuSign never change, regardless of program.

Federal Fiscal Year End Shut down – Payment Delays Expected

Due to the federal fiscal year shutdown occurring on **Sept. 23**, processing of all **FEDERAL** invoices and reimbursement requests will be on hold until the federal financial system becomes available mid-October.

FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications:

Currently, there is no federal funding application available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on our website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

Safety Spotlight

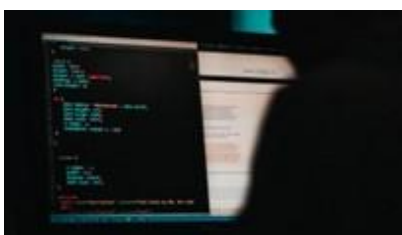
RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE: FTA Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program Webinar

The [recording](#) and [presentation](#) from FTA's Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) webinar on Sept. 5 is now available. The webinar highlighted key changes in the updated PTSCTP regulation and included an overview of frequently asked questions.

On Aug. 14, FTA published [updates](#) to the [PTSCTP Regulation](#) that refined the communication process, added administrative requirements and clarified voluntary participation and recertification training requirements. FTA incorporated feedback from a variety of stakeholders and has implemented updates to the final PTSCTP safety rule, including:

- Adding a recertification element defined by FTA.
- Requiring state safety oversight agencies (SSOAs) and rail transit agencies to establish a lead contact with FTA who must report semiannually about the status of their participation and their agency-defined recertification training requirements.
- Clarifying that voluntary participants are not required to complete recertification requirements to maintain their certification.
- Increasing flexibility in the training certification program.
- Updating definitions to clarify requirements and provide consistency with other FTA programs and regulations.
- Determining that mandatory participation will not extend to bus transit agencies and personnel.

The PTSCTP maintains the existing minimum training requirements for SSOA personnel and employees and contractors who are directly responsible for the safety oversight of a rail fixed guideway public transportation system.



Upcoming Cybersecurity for Transit: What You Need to Know Webinar Co-Hosted by National RTAP and N-CATT

National RTAP and the National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT) are co-hosting a webinar on [Cybersecurity for Transit: What You Need to Know](#) on Oct. 1, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Panelists are Scott Belcher, Co-Founder of Cybrbase, LLC; Julia

Castillo, Executive Director of HIRTA Public Transit; and Todd Chollet, Cyber Practice Lead, Sunstar Insurance.

This webinar will cover cybersecurity for transit basics and provide guidance for small transit agencies on the actions to take to prevent, respond to and recover from cyberattacks. Attendees will leave with steps they can implement right away.

Register

Federal Actions & Updates



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO)

FHWA Culverts AOP Grant Program – Sep. 23 deadline. FTA, FHWA and FRA jointly administer up to \$784 million to improve anadromous fish passage by mitigating aquatic organism passage (AOP) barriers posed by transportation-related facilities such as culverts.

FTA's [Safety and Security Certification of Electric Bus Fleets – Industry Best Practices](#) developed minimum safety and security certification program practices and protocols for transit agencies to verify that battery electric buses and their associated facilities, systems and equipment are safe for operation.

The FTA Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) launched the new [CCAM Multisector Partner Directory](#), a resource for spotlighting the national multisector partners and technical assistance (TA) centers that CCAM members engage with to improve access to human services transportation. The Directory can be searched by keyword, type of agency, type of service and CCAM member relationship. There is also a [form](#) to add a new partner, provide feedback or share a collaboration story.

The Office of Management and Budget information collection request for comments on the Survey of FTA Stakeholders has been [extended](#) to Oct. 11.

New TRACS Reports Now Available

Three new [reports](#) with recommendations from FTA's [Transit Advisory Committee for Safety \(TRACS\)](#) are now available on FTA's TRACS webpage. The reports focus on cyber and data security, reducing bus collisions and advancing rider and worker safety.

[TRACS](#) provides information, advice and recommendations on transit safety and other issues as determined by the Secretary of Transportation and the FTA Administrator.

Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

National RTAP

[Website Builder Office Hours](#)

Sept. 24, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

No preregistration necessary - join at the time of the meeting

National RTAP

[Website Builder Office Hours](#)

Oct. 1, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

No preregistration necessary - join at the time of the meeting

HIRTA Public Transit is holding a conference on Oct. 10 in Newton, IA from 9:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.: [Beyond the Bus | Rural Mobility Solutions: Enhancing Access, Sustainability, and Resilience](#). Beyond the Bus will explore strategies to address these challenges and improve rural mobility.

[FTA, in partnership with the National Transit Institute](#), is happy to announce that this year's set of [National Transit Database](#) (NTD) courses and webinars is now open for registration. The courses, which will be conducted in person and virtually, provide comprehensive, step-by-step training on completing the NTD's annual safety and security reports. The 90-minute webinars are more specific, focusing primarily on annual reporting for stakeholders. All webinars will be held online, and recordings will be available on [FTA's website](#).

New National RTAP Interactive Dashboard on Resources by Roles

National RTAP's new [Resources by Roles](#) tool is an interactive dashboard that lets users see and access all the National RTAP resources that can be used for training staff for the major roles in rural transit agencies, such as drivers, heads of agencies, state program managers and others. Clicking on the tiles for the roles will take users to links in our Resource Library, website or eLearning, where they can access full-text.

Our [Resource Catalog](#) still contains information on Resources by Roles (pages 9-10), but now lists the top five recommended resources for each role (rather than the top fifteen). If anyone has questions, please contact info@nationalrtap.org.

Transit Trivia Time!

Cadillac is a small town in what country?

- A. France
- B. Italy
- C. Austria

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section

Upcoming Reporting

NTD Reporting (Section 5311)- **Due mid-October**

DBE Reporting (Section 5311)- **Due early November**

January 2025

2024 Title VI Survey (all programs)

DAMIS (D&A) (5311 only)

Upcoming Conferences

Florida Public Transit Association (FPTA)/Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged (CTD)
2024 FPTA/CTD Annual Conference + EXPO

West Palm Beach, FL, Sept. 22-24

National Transit Database: Urban Reporting

Monday, Oct. 7 - Tuesday, Oct. 8: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Memphis Area Transit Authority, Memphis, TN

Making Connections 2024 – The National Transit Workforce Conference (MC24) Nov. 11-13, in Baltimore, Maryland.

For a listing of all National RTAP and other national events, view our [Calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email info@nationalrtap.org.

Trivia Answer: A. France

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to submit what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please have those submission submitted to Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov.

TRAINING RESOURCES

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

U.S. DOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#) | TSI [Course Schedule PDF](#)

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

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